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In re Application of Bagaoisan et al. :

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Decision on Petition

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed June 13, 2006, to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is granted.

A non-final Office action was mailed November 1, 2005. The Office action set an extendable period for reply of 2 months.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 26, 2006. The Notice stated a reply was never filed in response to the November 1, 2005 Office action.

A review of the Image File Wrapper indicates the presence of the original reply. The reply is date-stamped January 3, 2006. Since January 1, 2006, was a Sunday, and January 2, 2006, was a federal holiday, the reply was timely. Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

Technology Center Art Unit 3306 will be informed of the instant decision and the examiner will consider the reply filed on January 3, 2006, in due course.

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